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SUBJECT: CSCE: WORKING GROUP APRIL 5 ON CONFERENCE FOLLOW- UP

FROM USDEL MPT

1. BRIEF FINAL WORKING GROUP SESSION ON BASKET IV (CONFERENCE FOLLOW- UP) PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR EASTERN AND WESTERN DELS TO REITERATE STANDARD VIEWS ON SUBJECT AND DID NOT MOVE MATTERS FORWARD. ROMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA, AND USSR (MENDELEVICH) URGED THAT MPT-4 SHOULD WORK ON MANDATE FOR COMMITTEE WHICH COULD DEAL WITH THIS TOPIC DURING PHASE II OF CSCE. SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, NORWAY, AND FRANCE ARGUED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY FIRST TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT ACTUAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF CSCE WOULD BE BEFORE QUESTION OF CONFERENCE FOLLOW- UP COULD BE CONSIDERED IN CONCRETE FASHION.

2. IN SEEKING TO JUSTIFY NEED TO BEGIN WORK ON BASKET IV, YUGOSLAV REP ARGUED THAT PARTICIPANTS NEEDED TO BEGIN THINKING AHEAD BECAUSE HANDLING OF FIRST THREE BASKETS WOULD DEPEND TO DEGREE ON WHAT PARTICIPANTS THINK WILL DEVELOP AFTER CONFERENCE. SOVIET REP SUPPORTED THIS ARGUMENT AND URGED THAT DRAFTING ON BASKET IV MANDATE BEGIN IMMEDIATELY IN MPT-4. HE STRESSED
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VOLUNTARY CONSULTATIVE CHARACTER OF PROPOSED ORGAN, NOTED US AND CANADA WOULD ENJOY RIGHT OF FULL PARTICIPATION, AND

EMPHASIZED NEED TO KNOW WITHOUT DELAY WHETHER FURTHER PROPOSALS
ON BASKET IV WOULD BE TABLED.

3. FRENCH REP (ANDREANI) MADE THREE POINTS: A) STATUS OF A
FOURTH CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEM NOT IN DOUBT SINCE AGREEMENT HAD
BEEN REACHED TO ACCEPT BASKET IV. B) DESIGNATION OF SUBJECT
SHOULD BE GENERAL AND NOT PREJUDGE RESULT. SOVIET TERM
" CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE," FOR EXAMPLE IS TOO PRECISE TO APPLY
TO EITHER " EXISTING BODIES" OR " PERMANENT ORGAN," OR TO SITUATION
IF THERE SHOULD BE A SECOND CONFERENCE. THEREFORE TERM " FOLLOW-
UP" WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO " CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE." C) NATURE
OF FOLLOW- UP DEPENDS ULTIMATELY ON CONFERENCE RESULTS, WHICH
EVEN THOUGH ASSUMED TO BE POSITIVE, COULD NOT BE PREDICTED AT
THIS STAGE. THUS BETTER TO PUT THE SUBJECT OFF UNTIL LATER.
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